

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July-September 2007)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 09/25/07 7pm, 30 min.

College Campus Safety: Brandeis has decided to arm campus Public Safety officers. Jehuda Reinharz joins us to discuss that decision and the perception that campus violence is increasing.

Greater Boston, L 09/06/07 7pm, 30 min.

First Day of School: new Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson joins us in the studio.

Greater Boston, L 07/02/07 7pm, 30 min.

Scotus ruling: a look at the local impact of the Supreme Court decision rejecting 2 race-based school plans.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston L 08/07/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Price of Safety: as Massachusetts inspects its own "structurally deficient" bridges, we look at the cost - some say up to \$20 billion - of infrastructure maintenance around the state.

Greater Boston L 07/13/07, 7pm, 30 min.

An inside look at the continuing work on Boston's Big Dig.

Greater Boston L 07/03/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Housing Crunch: middle-income earners get squeezed out of the Greater Boston housing market.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston L 09/27/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Wendy Murphy: the local lawyer, and ex-prosecutor, talks about her book "And Justice for Some" - in which she lobbies for crime victims' rights.

Greater Boston L 09/12/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Shot in the Hood: we talk with the director of a new documentary featuring Boston kids talking about the violence that surrounds them in their daily lives.

Greater Boston L 09/06/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Fallen Firefighters: a closer look at what led to the deaths of two firemen who lost their lives in the West Roxbury restaurant fire last week.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston L 09/24/07, 7pm, 30 min.

WWII vets: as Ken Burns' The War gets underway, two local veterans talk about their experiences.

Greater Boston L 09/18/07, 7pm, 30 min.

The Bluest State: WBZ's Jon Keller's new book about how Massachusetts' Democratic Party influences - and not necessarily for the better - the national political scene.

Greater Boston L 09/12/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Yang Jianli: Recently-freed Chinese dissident Yang Jianli (who lives in Brookline) talks about the 5 years he spent in a Chinese prison. He was convicted of entering China illegally and spying - when he went to the country to report on labor unrest in 2002.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Wide Angle: The Dying Fields, N 09/18/07, 10pm, 60min.

The Dying Fields documents the tragedy unfolding in the cotton-growing region of Vidarbha, central India, where crop failures, sinking global cotton prices, and spiraling debts are driving the farmers to unbearable levels of despair. In 2006, 1,044 suicides were reported in Vidarbha alone. Vidarbha's farmers face life-and-death decisions each planting season, with little reason for hope as billions of dollars of government subsidies flowing to American and European cotton-growers continue to drive down prices for their crops.

Now, N 08/03/07, 9pm, 60min.

Economic inequality. As Wall Street continues to fuel wealth in America, Bill Moyers Journal examines what growing economic inequality means for the middle-class and working families.

P.O.V. Prison Town, USA, N 07/26/06, 4am, 90 min.

In the 1990s, at the height of the prison-building boom, a prison opened in rural America every 15 days. The film tells the story of Susanville, California, one small town trying to resuscitate its economy by building a prison -- with unanticipated consequences.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 09/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Organic Foods: a profile of the Hyannis-based organic foods company "Late July" and a discussion about the science and marketing behind the organic movement.

Greater Boston, L 09/05/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Invasive Species: a pretty purple weed that covers parts of the state, and chokes out many native species, is now being attacked and destroyed with the help of imported beetles. And a local expert gives tips on how to keep invasive species from taking over your backyard.

Greater Boston, L 07/25/07, 7pm, 30 min.

A special featuring stories on beach erosion, disappearing bees and the resurgence of bald eagles.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 07/18/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Caryl Rivers talks about her new book, "Selling Anxiety: How the News Media Scare Women".

Nova ScienceNow, N 07/10/07, 8pm, 60min.

Sleep & Memory -- Evidence is building that sleep may play a crucial role in strengthening memories and facilitating learning, not just in humans but in most animals. NOVA scienceNOW visits research labs at the University of Pennsylvania and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where scientists are peering into the brains of dozing flies and rats to understand the connection between sleep and memory.

Greater Boston, L 07/09/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Commonwealth Connector & Red Sox: the two team up to get young people signed up for health insurance.

VIII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 09/24/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Mark Penn: the chief strategist for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign brings along his new book "Microtrends".

Greater Boston, L 09/11/07, 7pm, 30 min

Movies in Boston: a look at the booming Boston film scene - from the economic benefits to the big stars in town.

Greater Boston, L 09/06/07, 7pm, 30 min

Boomer retirement: are you saving enough for your golden years? A new study out of Boston College says many boomers won't be prepared for retirement. We feature a debate over the retirement "crisis" issue.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Basic Black, L 09/29/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Author June Cross' discusses her memoir, *Secret Daughter: A Mixed Race Daughter and the Mother Who Gave Her Away*. In the book, Cross explores her own family's fascinating yet complicated history. Coming of age during the civil rights movement, Cross lays out her biography in a provocative yet compassionate voice as she describes growing up straddling different worlds: black and white, east coast and west coast, family and adopted family..

When Parents are Deployed, N 08/02/07, 5:30am, 30min.

This program is the story of young American military families struggling with the sacrifices of long-term deployment. Hosted by Cuba Gooding Jr., it captures the courage and vulnerability of both parents and children.

P.O.V: Standing Silent Nation, L 07/06/07, 5:00am, 60 min.

What does a family have to endure to create a future for itself? In April 2000, Alex White Plume and his Lakota family planted industrial hemp on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota after other crops had failed. But when federal agents raided the White Plumes' fields, the Lakota Nation was swept into a Byzantine struggle over tribal sovereignty, economic rights and common sense.